

# Preliminary Assessment Report

## Project 6414466, 4525 RAINIER AVE S

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**Assessment Completed:** 5/6/2014

**Project Description:** DEMO EXISTING HOUSE AND DETACHED GARAGE, CONSTRUCT (2) LIVE/WORK UNITS AND (2) TOWNHOUSE UNITS WITH (4) OPEN PARKING STALLS

**Primary Applicant:** [Julian Weber](#)

This report lists the results of a preliminary assessment of your project requirements by various city departments. It's based on the project characteristics described on your site plan and preliminary application form. If your project required a pre-application site visit (PASV), the results of that site visit are also included. The goal of this report is to help you create a complete submittal package and reduce the need for corrections once your application has been submitted.

### Next Steps

1. Review the requirements in this report and contact the staff members listed below with questions.
2. If a street improvement plan is required, develop and submit it to the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT). **The Department of Planning and Development (DPD) will not accept your permit application until your street improvement plan is approved as 60% complete by SDOT. See [SDOT Client Assistance Memo 2213](#) for guidance about the 60% complete approval process.**
3. Schedule an appointment for permit application intake with DPD. **Please bring a copy of this report to your intake appointment.**

### Questions About This Report

If you have questions about the information in this report, contact the appropriate city staff member for each section.

#### DPD Drainage Requirements

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## Other Resources

- General questions about the permit process: Contact the DPD Applicant Services Center (ASC) at 206-684-8850.
- User-friendly guides to city permitting processes: [DPD](#) and [SDOT](#).
- [Detailed zoning information](#).
- Visit our [permit type pages](#) for step-by-step instructions and forms for preparing your application and plans for review.

## Requirements

### **DPD Drainage Requirements**

The following requirements are based on the current stormwater and side sewer codes.

#### **Existing Public Drainage Infrastructure**

Sanitary sewer main location: Rainier Ave S / Alley west of site

Sanitary sewer main size: 8-inch / 60-inch

Storm drainage main location: S Oregon St

Storm drainage main size: 12-inch

#### **Drainage**

The drainage point of discharge (SMC 22.805.020) is located at: Alley. Pump required

#### **Flow Control Compliance**

All new, replaced, and disturbed topsoil shall be amended with organic matter per rules promulgated by the Director prior to completion of the project to improve onsite management of drainage water flow and water quality per SMC 22.805.020.E. A completed [Construction Stormwater Control and Soil Amendment Standard Plan](#) is required.

Submit a [Standard Drainage Control Plan for Small Projects](#) including the [Green Stormwater Requirement Calculator](#).

For projects with 5,000 square feet or more of new plus replaced impervious surface, a comprehensive drainage control plan and construction stormwater control plan shall be prepared by a licensed engineer.

#### **Water Quality**

No requirements

#### **Wastewater**

All homeowners and building owners in King County's service area whose home or building was newly connected to the King County sewer system on or after Feb. 1, 1990 must pay a [King County Capacity Charge](#).

#### **Permanent and Temporary Dewatering**

The footing drain (if part of building plan) point of discharge ([DPD DR 4-2011](#)) is located at the following:  
Other. Former combined sewer

#### **Side Sewer**

The existing side sewer for a new or converted building or dwelling unit may be reused pursuant to SMC 21.16.240.

In order to reuse an existing side sewer, the [Side Sewer Evaluation and Certification Form](#) must be completed by a licensed engineer.

### **DPD Land Use Code Requirements**

#### **Street Requirements**

Based on the scope of the proposed project, the following street improvements are required per Chapter 23.53 of the Seattle Municipal Code. Please review Right-of-Way Improvements Manual for design criteria (<http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/rowmanual/manual/>). Show required street improvements on your "enhanced site plan" at DPD permit application intake. If an SDOT Street Improvement Plan (SIP) is required, please list SDOT project number and SDOT contact name on the enhanced site plan. Street Improvement Plans must be accepted by SDOT prior to DPD permit application intake.

## RAINIER AVE S

Street trees shall be provided in the planting strip according to Seattle Department of Transportation Tree Planting Standards. Contact SDOT Urban Forestry (for residential projects: (206) 684-TREE; for all others: (206) 684-5693), to determine species of tree and standards of planting. Please add a note to the site plan showing size, location and species of tree to be planted.

<http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/treeplanting.htm>.

Any planting proposed within the ROW must be reviewed and approved by DPD and SDOT.

Other requirements: Infill street trees as necessary.

## Alley Requirements

### ALLEY WEST OF SITE

Improve width abutting lot and portion between lot and connecting street to crushed rock or better. The Seattle Right of Way Improvements Manual ([http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/stuse\\_docs.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/stuse_docs.htm)) contains design details.

Design structure to accommodate grade of future alley improvements. See <http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/gradesheetintro.htm>.

A no-protest agreement is required. This form can be found at [http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Publications/Forms/Building\\_Permit/](http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Publications/Forms/Building_Permit/)

A 1 foot dedication is required. Refer to SDOT CAM 2203. Please see [http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/stuse\\_docs.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/stuse_docs.htm).

## Land Use

Alley access may be required

## Other Requirements

Since your development proposal includes alteration or demo of a 50+ year old structure, you are required to submit a “referral” to the Historic Preservation Program at Department of Neighborhoods (DON). DON staff will review the eligibility of the structure as a landmark. This determination must be made before you can schedule an intake appointment for your project.

Please see Client Assistance Memo 3000 titled “DPD and DON Referral Process for Determining Landmark Eligibility” (pages 3-4). Your referral application should include a response to the “Appendix A of the Interdepartmental Agreement” on page 6 of the CAM. The referral information should be sent to “Karen Gordon, City Historic Preservation Officer, Department of Neighborhoods, PO Box 94649, Seattle, WA 98124”.

Once the DON staff review the information contained in your referral, one of the following three determinations will be made:

- 1) The building appears to be ineligible as a landmark and no further Department of Neighborhoods review is required. You may schedule your intake appointment.
- 2) The subject building appears to be eligible and a Landmark Nomination application must be submitted to the DON Historic Preservation Program. This application and determination must occur before DPD permit intake since the outcome of this landmark nomination decision may affect the design or feasibility of your project.
- 3) The subject building/site is determined to be a designated City Landmark. A Certificate of Approval from the Landmarks Preservation Board is required for changes proposed to the designated features of the Landmark. You will need provide a copy of your application for a Landmark Certificate of Approval prior to permit intake. No DPD permit will not be issued until the Certificate of Approval has been issued.

## Pre-Application Site Visit (PASV) Requirements

PASV report requirements may be subject to additions, changes, or modifications by the department. The purpose of the report is to alert the applicant that there may be unusual or complex site conditions that trigger requirements from the department regarding this project. **The applicant is responsible for providing all required documents at the intake appointment.** If you have questions about this report or the PASV process, please contact the DPD Site Development Team at (206) 684-8860.

**Note:** Any project application associated with the development site can utilize the results from this PASV if the application is accepted by DPD within 24 months of the above inspection date. After 24 months, the applicant must apply for another PASV. No extensions will be granted.

### **ECA Mapping Unit and Type**

This project site appears to include the following ECAs and/or buffers:

Liquefaction

Landfill

### **Earth Disturbance**

If excavation has the potential to encroach on adjacent property in order to facilitate construction activity, please provide documentation of consent from the adjacent property owner. Show area of proposed encroachment on the submitted drawings and detailed cross-sections.

If temporary cuts greater than 1h:1v will be required in order to facilitate construction activity, please provide a geotechnical engineer's verification that soil conditions allow cuts to stand unsupported. Include detailed cross sections.

Please show all existing and proposed retaining walls/rockeries and the exposed height.

If shoring will be required, please provide submittals by geotechnical and structural engineers and show the proposed system on the submitted drawings. Include detailed cross sections.

### **Existing ROW Conditions**

#### **RAINIER AVE S**

Street conditions:

Asphalt paving

Curb conditions:

Curb adjacent to site

Concrete

Approximate curb height: 2 inches

A storm inlet is located <350 ft from the site and prior to crossing a public right of way.

It appears that drainage from that discharge point will remain in the gutter line all the way to the nearest inlet structure, but this assessment is preliminary and it is the responsibility of the applicant to meet all relevant SW code requirements.

#### **ALLEY WEST OF SITE**

Concrete paving

V-shaped cross-section

Downstream inlet prior to crossing sidewalk

### **Potential Impacts to Seattle Parks Property**

Park within 100 LF

### **Tree Protection**

Trees greater than 6 inches in diameter as measured 4.5 ft above ground are present on the site but not shown on the site plan. Show the dripline of

1) **all** trees on the site,

2) adjacent trees that encroach on the site that are greater than 6 inches in diameter as measured 4.5 ft above ground, and

3) **all** trees located in the adjacent ROW.

Include common and scientific names for all trees shown. For more information, see [Director's Rule 16-2008](#) and [Tip 242](#).

ROW trees

Per [SMC 25.11](#) and [DR 16-2008](#), exceptional trees may be located on the site. Clearly label all exceptional trees.

### **Construction Stormwater Control**

All projects with earth disturbance, regardless of size, require temporary and permanent stormwater control in accordance with the Construction Stormwater Control (CSC) Technical Requirements Manual ([DR 16-2009, Volume 2](#)).

**Show the following on the [Construction Stormwater Control and Soil Amendment Standard Plan](#):**

Place compost socks, compost berms, filter fabric fencing, straw bales, straw wattles, or other approved perimeter control BMPs to eliminate construction stormwater runoff.

Show the location of a stabilized construction access to the site; show methods to eliminate uncontrolled conveyance of mud and dirt into the right of way (ROW).

Place silt-trapping inserts in receiving catch basins located within 10 feet of construction entrance.

Cover bare soil with compost blankets, straw, mulch, matting, or other approved equal to control construction stormwater runoff.

Cover stockpiles and bare slopes with compost blankets, tarps, matting or other approved equal to control construction stormwater runoff.

A First Ground Disturbance inspection is required before any ground disturbance related to this permit, including demolition, tree cutting, clearing, grubbing, and grading. After your permit is issued, schedule an inspection by calling (206) 684-8900 or [online](http://web1.seattle.gov/DPD/InspectionRequest/default.aspx) at <http://web1.seattle.gov/DPD/InspectionRequest/default.aspx>.

### **Inspectors Notes**

Site is mapped ECA types 5 and 7. Site slopes down to the east. Specify locations and depths of proposed grading activities. Also reference A/P #6414462 on neighboring property.

### **Standard Submittal Requirements for Projects in an ECA**

The site is mapped as liquefaction prone. A geotechnical report is required to address liquefaction potential and, if needed, mitigation (see [SMC 25.09.100](#)).

Site is mapped as being within 1,000 feet of a methane producing landfill. Report required by a licensed engineer to provide requirements to mitigate methane accumulation in enclosed spaces

## **Seattle City Light Requirements**

### **Street/Alley Requirements**

#### **RAINIER AVE S**

Underground electrical facilities/conductors require separation from other utilities. Review SCL Construction Guideline U2-10/NDK-50, Electrical Conduit and Facilities in the Public Rights of Way (<http://www.seattle.gov/Light/engstd/>). Before digging, contact the Utilities Underground Location Center ("one-call") at (800) 424-5555 two business days in advance to locate and mark underground utilities, per state law (RCW 19.122). There are underground high voltage lines and electrical facilities along Rainier Ave S.

#### **ALLEY WEST OF SITE**

Working Clearance: State law requires construction workers, their tools, machinery, equipment, and materials to maintain a 10-foot clearance from power lines. Review WAC 296-24-960 and OSHA 1910.333(c)(3)(i). Transmission lines require greater clearance. To work near power lines, notify SCL well in advance to de-energize and ground the lines, or relocate the lines temporarily. This SCL work is done at the project's expense. There is an overhead high voltage line along the alley.

### **Easements**

SCL power easement is required. Property survey may be required at project's expense.

Other requirements: The parent parcel is considered one site. The electrical service to the new buildings will need to be consolidated from one service strike from SCL's distribution system. Per SCL Requirements for Electric Service Connection, <http://www.seattle.gov/light/contractors/resc/>, Chapter 5, page 28: "Single Service Rule", Seattle City Light will provide only one service to a site or building. Additional services will be supplied only at SCL's option and will be agreed to in writing. Please contact your Electrical Service Representative well in advance of construction for clarification and electrical service advice.

### **Notes to Applicant**

For new service, please contact the Electrical Service Representative for your area several months before new service is required to determine your electric service design, service location and what kind of service is available at the building site. An Application for Electrical Service must be submitted to Seattle City Light. The Electrical Service Representative should also be contacted to coordinate electrical disconnections prior to demolition and temporary power for construction. Your Electrical Service Representative is: Bill Danbom, 206-386-1797, [bill.danbom@seattle.gov](mailto:bill.danbom@seattle.gov). Be advised that it is the applicant's responsibility to seek guidance from SCL. Failure to contact SCL at your earliest convenience could severely impact your project's scope, schedule and budget. This responsibility rests solely with the applicant.

## **SDOT Requirements**

The City of Seattle's Right-of-Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) and SDOT's Street & Sidewalk Pavement Opening and Restoration (PORR) Director's Rule 2004-02 may be accessed from SDOT's Street Use website at:

[http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/stuse\\_docs.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/stuse_docs.htm). Whenever possible, specific reference notation for these two design documents is noted next to the design characteristics below. Be advised that these specific section and chapter references are provided as preliminary guidance only and are not comprehensive in scope.

## **SDOT Permitting Information**

SDOT Plan Requirements: Plan

SDOT Permit Requirements: Group 2: Over-the-Counter. Obtain from SDOT concurrently with building permit.

Based on the scope of your project and the proximity to the lot line a SIP may be triggered by the extent of construction impacts to existing street, sidewalk or alley improvements. If more than 2,000 sf of impervious surface in the right of way will be replaced a SIP will be required.

A drainage review is required as part of the Street Use Permit if more than 750 square feet of land disturbing activity will take place in the right of way.

## **Street Improvement Requirements**

### **RAINIER AVE S**

Tree protection: Removal of trees in the public right-of-way (ROW) is prohibited. Projects must be designed to accommodate existing trees in the ROW. Exceptions to this policy require review and approval by SDOT Urban Forestry. For residential projects, call (206) 684-TREE; for all other projects, call (206) 684-5693. Contact SDOT Urban Forestry immediately if you are proposing to remove street trees. If an exception from street tree removal is not granted, the project will need to be redesigned to preserve street trees.

Tree planting. See Seattle Right of Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) and City of Seattle Standard Plans 030, 100 and 424. Contact SDOT Urban Forestry for residential projects at (206) 684-TREE; for all others at (206) 684-5693 for approval of species and placement.

## **Alley Requirements**

### **ALLEY WEST OF SITE**

Other requirements: Pave with concrete portion of alley to be dedicated.

## **SPU Requirements**

### **Flow Control Compliance**

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## **Water Availability**

Your water availability assessment has been approved.

Water Availability Certificate reference number: 20140830

Water Availability Certificate status: Approved with No Changes

Prepared by: Richard F Wilson

### **Existing Water System Information**

Proximity of nearest fire hydrant is: 175 feet SE of property. Meets standards.

Water Main:

Size: 8 inches	Material: Cast Iron	Class: C
- Standard		
- Abutting		

Water Main is available to serve in: Rainier Avenue S

Distance of main to W margin of street is 50 feet.

Public ROW width is 80 feet.

Water Service(s):

Size: 3/4"	Material: Copper
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## **Other Requirements**

Owners of residential property occupied by a tenant who will be displaced by housing demolition, substantial rehabilitation, change of use, or removal of use restrictions may need to obtain a Tenant Relocation License. Refer to DPD Tip 123, Seattle's Tenant Relocation Assistance Ordinance, for further information and instructions or call (206) 684-7979.

If your project involves additions or modification to or demolition of an existing building that contains four or more dwelling units or 4,000 square feet or more of non-residential area, and the building is a designated historic landmark or is 50 years old and meets the criteria set forth in SMC 25.12 for landmark designation,

SEPA is required. Please contact the Department of Neighborhoods at (206) 684-0228 or [www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/preservation](http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/preservation) to determine if your building is a designated landmark or if a referral is necessary to determine if the building meets the criteria in SMC 25.12. Refer to Tip 208 for information regarding the application requirements for a SEPA review and Tip 3000 for information regarding landmarks and historic preservation.

If the scope of your proposed project changes before your DPD intake appointment or SDOT street improvement plan application, the requirements in this report may change. If there are municipal code and ordinance changes before our DPD intake appointment, the project must meet the new code requirements. Additional street improvement requirements may be triggered if a permit application for a development project on adjacent property is also undergoing review.

Please be aware that all persons or companies working within the City limits, including all contractors, subcontractors, permit expeditors and other service providers are required to possess a valid City of Seattle business license. This license is required in addition to any other licenses required by the State of Washington, such as a contractors' license or state business license. For more information about City of Seattle business licenses, please contact inspector Michale Crooks at 206-684-8871, [Michale.Crooks@seattle.gov](mailto:Michale.Crooks@seattle.gov), or visit the [Licensing and Tax Administration Division website](#).